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DETECTION OF TARGET SEQUENCES BY CLEAVAGE OF

NON-TARGET NUCLEIC ACIDS

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO **OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 16, 2004**

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Sir:

The following communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 16, 2004, with response due on or before March 16, 2004 in order to receive an Advisory Action. In accordance with the procedure for Revised Amendment Practice under 37 C.F.R.

§1.121, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.